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Grade: 6      Reading

Theme Four Selection: 1

"Lost Temple of The Aztecs"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. The purpose of the story is to

- a) Persuade
- b) Inform
- c) Entertain

2. The point of view of this story is

- a) First person
- b) Second person
- c) Third person
- d) Narrator

3. The Aztec empire was one of the most advanced and powerful civilizations of its time. What details support this statement?

- a) Tenochtitlan was a city of 250,000 people.
- b) The Aztecs constructed a great city in a difficult location and used an advanced calendar.
- c) Tenochtitlan had lush green gardens.
- d) There was a Great Temple that stood in the middle of the city.

4. The main problem that Moctezuma faced in the story was

- a) Where should the Great Temple be built.
- b) Should the calendar be changed to 365 days.
- c) Should the approaching visitor be destroyed or treated as guests.
- d) What gifts should be given to Cortes

5. Which statement is a fact?

- a) Tenochtitlan was the most beautiful city ever built.
- b) Moctezuma was a brave and courageous leader.
- c) The Aztec empire was the most powerful empire of its time.
- d) Cortes attacked and destroyed the city of Tenochtitlan.

6. A word that describes the mysterious carvings found on the round stone is

- a) Adorned
- b) Conquered
- c) Intricate
- d) Metropolis

7. Because Moctezuma goes against the advice of his chiefs

- a) The chiefs rebel against Moctezuma and he is sent out of Tenochtitlan.
- b) Cortes returns and Moctezuma is killed.
- c) Tenochtitlan elects a new leader to run the empire.
- d) The Aztecs abandon Tenochtitlan

8. The expression, "The horses are deer without horns" is an example of a

- a) Metaphor
- b) Simile
- c) Personification
- d) Idiom

9. A word that describes the area that the Aztec controlled is

- a) Causeways
- b) Metropolis
- c) Empire
- d) Tributes

## Open-ended Response

Write an explanation giving at least two reasons telling why you think Moctezuma decided to welcome the strangers as friends rather than treat them as enemies. You must support your answer with details from the text.

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**Answer Key and Eligible Content**

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Author's Purpose	R6.A.1.6.1
2	a	Point of View	R6.B.2
3	b	Supporting Details	R6.A.2
4	c	Generalization	R6.A.2
5	b	Fact and Opinion	R4.A.1.6
6	c	Vocabulary	R6.A.1
7	a	Cause and Effect	R6.B.3
8	c	Literary Devices	R6B.2.1.4
9	c	Vocabulary	R6.A.1

**Open-ended Rubric**

**3 Points**

Paragraph describes two reasons from the story why Moctezuma welcomed Cortez.

**2 Points**

Paragraph describes one reason from the story why Moctezuma welcomed Cortez.

**1 Point**

Paragraph describes reasons why Moctezuma welcomed Cortez but reasons are not supported by text.

**0 Points**

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete